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Unlawful dismissal of Highways Workers, Wynaad

* 1801 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 3rd February 1955, from the Wynaad Taluk Highways Workers' Union, Kalpatta, Malabar, containing allegations of unlawful dismissals and the need to regularize their services; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways). On receipt of the report, the representations in the memorandum will be examined and orders issued."

Supply of electricity to Avadi Congress Session

* 1802 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenses incurred by the Government in connection with supply of electricity for the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the agreement entered into between the Government and the Indian National Congress in the matter?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 4,193 was incurred on account of laying lines, etc., in giving temporary supply of electricity to the 60th Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and a sum of Rs. 7,673–13–0 is payable by the Reception Committees towards current consumption charges. According to the rules governing temporary supply of electricity such expenditure will have to be reimbursed by the consumer. The Reception Committee has already paid Rs. 8,210 on this account and the balance will be collected expeditiously.

" (*b*) No agreements are entered into with the consumers in the case of temporary supply of electricity."

Sub-Registrar's Office for Manalurpettai

* 1795 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—" We shall take up question No. 1795 of the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport. When I called his name he was not in his place."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" I am sorry, Sir. Really I sent word to you that I would be coming a little late, but it has not reached you."

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SRI K. PARTHASARATHY (on behalf of Sri A. Muthuswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state when the Sub-Registrar's Office, proposed to be opened under Part II Scheme, will be opened in Manalurpettai in Tirukoyilur taluk?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The proposal to open a Registry office at Manalurpet was considered as a Part II Scheme for 1955–56, but was deferred."

Buses for the Avadi Congress Session

* 1803 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and if so, how many Government buses operating in the City of Madras and in the mufassal were taken away from their usual route in connection with the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any remuneration from Indian National Congress for the diversion of Government buses;

(*c*) whether any of the private operators' buses from the mufassal were diverted for the same purpose and, if so, how many and from which district; and

(*d*) whether any remuneration was given to these private operators or any payment of remuneration arranged with the Indian National Congress by the Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Government buses were not taken away from the usual routes in the City or mufassal to meet the traffic between Madras and Avadi. However, two of the spare buses of the Government Transport plied between Egmore and Avadi on the first day of the open session of the Indian National Congress to meet the rush of traffic to Avadi. They performed only one trip each. On other days, no bus of Government Transport ran between Madras and Avadi.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Two hundred and three buses run by private operators in the mufassal were diverted to provide transport facilities between Madras and Avadi in connection with the All-India Congress Session held at Avadi in January 1955. The buses were diverted from the routes in Salem, Tanjore, North Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore and South Arcot districts.

" (*d*) No, Sir. Private operators came forward to put their buses on the route Madras to Avadi for conveying passengers to the Congress Session and temporary permits were issued to